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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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AZORES

The Need of True Worshipers of God Is Plainly Seen

E. L. Simmons

Aboard the S. S. Sinaia.—On the afternoon of July 22d, we came in plain view of the Islands of Flores and Corvo which are at the extreme west end of the archipelago. These islands (as are the others of the Azores) are supposed to be of volcanic origin, although they are inactive now and have been for many years. They are huge and very steep mountains springing abruptly from the sea which readily explains why the recent would-be trans-Atlantic flyers wrecked their plane in landing there.

With our field glasses we were able to view the beautiful little villages that are built along the beaches or ravines of the island, and even though we saw many small farms there seemed to be no houses upon them, which led us to believe that the farmers live in the villages.

On July 23d at 6:30 a. m. we arrived at Angra, the chief city of Terceira Island, and went ashore for approximately two hours. This we found to be a truly beautiful place even though things seemed to be quite oriental. The ox carts with large basket like bodies were used for hauling wood. We also saw several of these oriental automobiles, drawn either by ox or donkey, delivering milk and bread. These however had small wood bodies.

Among the places of interest that we visited was the garden or public square, the market place and the Cathedral. The garden was a very beautiful laid out square with a large pool in the center. The stately palms and other tropical or sub-tropical trees, were underlaid with beds of beautiful shasta daisies and other sub-tropical flowers, many of which we had never seen before. At one end of the garden was a shady retreat with seats where one might rest. This ended abruptly against the hill which seemed as a stone wall from whence came a beautiful stream of cool water. The garden was bounded on one or more sides with banana orchards, though we could see nothing but the tops of the trees as most all of the private gardens or orchards are surrounded by stone walls.

Our next trip was to the city market. This was indeed interesting even though we had seen others quite like it in the Bahama Islands. Upon entering the gate one can make a circular trip of shopping. Each merchant has his little stall from which he sells his apricots, bananas, watermelons or other products of the islands. The meat stalls were very unsanitary, as there were no screens around them which allowed a multitude of flies to gather upon the meat.

Our visit to the Cathedral of Angra was indeed very inspiring. Not because we had a feeling that we were nearer Heaven, but because of the devotion we beheld, for while we were there one of our party who was evidently a Catholic, bowed in humble worship before the shrine. Oh! that the real Christians of our beloved America could be so devoted to the true worship of God. Should not the Church of God get a lesson from this and return from its laxity in devotion? We feel sure that it should. Let us get the lesson of devotion from these benighted subjects of Rome.

As we were only allowed a short time on shore we went to the post office, mailed two letters, gave the postmaster a quarter, and received uno escudo and diez centavos as change then returned to the boat to go ashore again at the largest city in the Azores, Ponta Delgada, at 4:30 p. m.

The make-up of Ponta Delgada is much on the order of that of Angra with the exception of being larger. We saw many peddlers of fish, chickens, eggs, and other things carried in baskets at either end of a stick which was swung across the shoulder. This seemed to be a great load, especially upon the boys who had to carry large portions of these products.

The Church of God of England has a mission at this place about forty years old. The missionary who is now in (Please Look On Page Two)

Holding the Fort for Truth and Right

SODDY, Tenn. — We are glad of the Church of God in Soddy, Tenn. We have had a great deal to contend with but having our hearts established in the love of God we decided to hold the fort for the truth and right. The flag is unfurled now and the glory of God is coming down in a wonderful way. A revival is breaking out in our new church house. Brother James Jeffery is our pastor. — W. M. Chancey

Many Were Blessed

EAST CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—We have just closed a successful revival at East Chattanooga, Tenn. Brother Earl Paulk was in charge. I think Brother Paulk must have been at his very best while here. I am sure that everyone who attended the meeting will say with me, Brother Paulk surely did his best. The meeting closed with great interest, both with the saints and those who were seeking the Lord. The altar was filled the last altar service.

I will give the report of the meeting as well as could be kept: 25 saved, 15 sanctified, 12 or 15 baptized with the Holy Ghost. 21 added to the church and 28 baptized in water.

I will say too, that Brother Paulk worked faithfully for the Church of God Evangel while here, securing sixty subscriptions.

The church and all here love Brother Paulk and hope to have him return soon. You will do well in securing his service for a revival.—E. M. Ellis, Pastor.

We Are On The Grand Old Highway

ROCK HILL, S. C. — I want to praise the Lord this evening for healing my little boy of kidney trouble, brights disease and dropsy. I promised Him if he would heal him I would testify to it. My husband is a sinner and he has a doctor when the children get sick but I have the saints to pray for them. I believe Jesus heals without doctors and medicine. I also want to praise Him because He has been so good to me in many, many ways. I could not wear my shoes for about four weeks but I want to say that I can wear them now. I praise Him because I am saved, sanctified thru the blood of Jesus and on my way to heaven. Pray for me. I want all the Lord has in store for me, also help us pray that the Lord will send some one here to help run a revival. Souls need to get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Geo. Cooper is our pastor and he is a wonderful man of God; he feeds our souls with the blessed Word of God. I thank the Lord for sending him to this town. I want all who read this to ask the Lord to give him souls for his hire, also pray for my unsaved husband that is out in sin and darkness. Pray for my mother, that she will live close to Jesus and receive the blessed Holy Ghost. I also have brothers and a sister and other kinsfolk that are in sin. I want them (and everyone else) to come in this way. I find no other way that suits me but holiness, for without holiness no one shall see the Lord. I am glad I found this way. I love the Church of God and her teachings. I also love the Church of God Evangel, for it is food to my soul. I want everyone that reads this to pray for me that I will be a soul winner for Jesus and live close, humble and true and be found at all times doing something for my dear Saviour. I feel that I can do such little things for Him in this world. I love Jesus better than all the world, for He is all and all to me. Your sister in Christ. — Mrs. Nellie Sexton, 85 Buna Vesta St., Rock Hill, S. C.

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Co-operation in Church Finances

F. S. McCormick, Ft. White, Fla.

To my mind, cooperation in all church finances is one of the most needed things in the Church of God today. We must unite our dollars (God's dollars) as well as our hearts and minds to accomplish that which Christ would have His church to do. All Bible readers know the early church had all things common. They sold their property and gave it to the church to be used where it was needed. Now here is where the first Church of God hypocrite was caught. Today we catch them on many sides when it comes to tithes, much less offerings. I would like to say here that I saw the light on tithes before I ever got into the church and thank God that I was not too stingy to walk in the light.

Properly financing the church is a subject that is seldom ever gotten to the heart of most of our members. In other words, it is one that lots of folks will crowd out of their minds until their money is spent in a way that God is not glorified. For this reason many women and children are being deprived of the necessities of life.

It is easy to get people to see money is needed for different departments of the church, but they happen to need it for some other purpose to make ends meet at home.

When an offering is taken and God's Spirit whispers to you to give a dollar He expects you to do so and not to wait till the devil tells you a quarter will do. Then when you run your hand down in the change it just happens to get a nickel so you dash it in and go home wondering why it takes so many collections in the churches.

I truly believe every member should have a part in all financial drives regardless of size. Our local church is asking each member \$1.00 for Headquarters' debt, \$1.00 for missions, and \$1.20 on the Florida state tabernacle debt. Can I refuse? No, I cannot and feel honest toward God and the overseers much less the church that is expecting me to do my part. But what worries me is paying for the slacker's part. Shall we pay his? Yes, we will have to do that too or leave the burden on our officers entrusted with the welfare of the church.

How Pleasant To Dwell Together

EAST CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Greetings, I will try to give a brief report of the Tennessee State convention which convened at the Church of God E. Chattanooga, July 3-7.

In the beginning we wish to commend our beloved state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, for his efforts and the way the program was carried out. We appreciate our overseer; and too, we are glad for the blessing and privilege of a state convention at this place.

From the beginning of the services the Lord blessed and unity and order were there that only comes from God Himself. Service opened July 3 with songs followed by prayer. At 8:00 p. m. the welcome address was given by our dear pastor, Brother E. M. Ellis. This was short but very pointed and I am sure everyone could feel at home when he had finished. The responses were given by Brother Yates of McMinnville, Brother Sam Swagerty of Ooltewah, and Brother Earl Paulk of South Georgia. Everyone seemed to enjoy these short talks. When we adjourned at 9:00 p. m. the convention was well on.

Thursday, July 4, 10:30 a. m. Bro. George Sprinkle gave a discourse on "Ye Are the Light of the World." At 11:00 a. m. Brother B. C. Robinson delivered a sermon on "Christian Fellowship." These messages were fine and helpful to both ministers and laity. At 12:00 we adjourned.

I surely am in sympathy with those who are elected by the people and approved by our God to do such great undertakings with so little cooperation.

Dear brother officers, if you could call out the drones and tell me how much you expected me to pay on these debts, I would begin to labor for it at once. My wife might not see me at every meal; the saints perhaps would miss me at services. But sometime before the 1929 Assembly, God being my helper, I would come before my pastor with such a smile that he would know that the old account was going to be settled.

It used to be, we are floating down the stream of time, but now we are rowing up the stream of life. As I sit and pull on the oars I can't help but see those fellows up in the front of the boat who haven't pulled any oars for years. "Shall we throw them overboard?" some will ask. Others say, "You have your eyes on the waves instead of Jesus." As I have gone to prepare a place for His own I will examine His words, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Some think we can land them safe home some day. But won't it be to bad to see them cast out after carrying them all the way?

Dear pastors, don't be afraid to shear your flock as the wool is needed. The sheep will humbly give while the goats will holler around until you can get everyone out and save you from carrying a bunch of goats to your Chief Shepherd. You know it would make us feel bad at the Separation to see folks who we have been fellowshipping in the church being put on the left with the goats.

By listening to some people preach and testify you would look for Jesus any moment for His bride. When I went to get mine she was ready. Now if the church is Christ's bride, shall He come when we are not ready? I am afraid we will have to pay our honest debts before the Bridegroom comes. May God help the Bride to make herself ready.

God Can Heal Broken Hearts

SUMMIT, Ala.—I am saved and sanctified and seeking the Holy Ghost. Dear people I need your prayers. O how wicked Satan is. He tries to get me back so hard. I know Jesus can heal our broken hearts. My husband is so wicked. O saints everywhere do pray long and earnestly for God to get hold on him so strong that he can't resist Him. He says he is going to hell and doesn't care. It hurts me to hear him say such words. Pray for him and for me. I have too much temptation.—Mrs. Mary Folsom.

Needs Prayer

KEYSVILLE, Ga.—To the dear saints of God scattered everywhere, greetings in the mighty and matchless name of Jesus: I am so glad He is mine and I am His this morning. I do not want the devil to have any claim on a hair of my head, even after it has fallen off. Oh, how I love God and holiness this moment and hate sin and filthiness. How I do want to be holy in all manner of conversation. I still have the Holy Ghost and belong to the church. I come begging an interest in the prayers of everyone who prays. Like Jeremiah I am, for some sweet, good reason of my Father whom I dare not question, in a well, spiritually speaking, sinking down in the mud. I would welcome an Ethiopian to throw me some old clouts and pull me out. I appeal with all my very heart. The devil has rifled my house till I have very little left. I have to hide my groceries to have anything to eat and fly to my hens' nest as soon as they lay if I get any eggs. I do not feel this is because of any greater failure in myself than usual for I have had more or less of this to contend with ever since I started to walk with God. It is so awful now I feel led to call for help from my family, the family of God. To whom else could I should I go? I am counting on every one who reads this to please call my name to God, in the sweet name of Jesus and give me five minutes of prayer per day until God comes to my help. I just need your prayers, dear ones, and if anyone feels led to write and suggest anything or God reveals anything concerning me, rest assured that I will gladly receive it.—In His sweet, good service, Mary D. Howard Rouse, R. 1.

Wants To Go To B. T. S.

CHOKOLOSKEE, Fla.—I am praising God for salvation this morning. I have a desire as never before to lead souls to God, and by all means reach the goal and prize which awaits those that are faithful to the end. I have had the Holy Ghost most ever since I was five years old, but have grown cold off and on many times. I am fifteen now. In March 1929 Brother C. H. Shaw ran a two weeks revival here. The Lord blessed. I live on one of the Ten Thousand Islands. There are about twenty-five families here. We have our little Church of God building and pastor. I am thanking God because the young people's meeting has been started. It is a help here. We meet every Tuesday night with the Lord's help. We ran a revival last week. Five received the Holy Ghost and two were reclaimed. I am wanting to go to Bible School if it is the Lord's will. I know He can prepare the way. I have read the students' letters in the Evangel and they encourage me. I have a father and two brothers in sin and a brother and sister saved. Pray for them that the Lord will place them in the highway of holiness. My mother and three sisters have the Holy Ghost. Mother and I belong to the church.—(Miss) Julia Thompson.

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THE PULPIT IS A HOLY PLACE

"Preserve Thou The Dignity of Thy Calling"

S. F. Beard

The calling to the sacred ministry is the greatest calling coming to mortal man, and should be treated as such.

To become slack concerning it is one of the greatest crimes a minister can commit, especially when he looses the dignity of this calling while in the pulpit.

In a greater sense than is often realized, the minister has to take the place of God for his congregation. He has to do their Bible reading and their religious thinking, and even for some he has to help them make their decision for God and right. Paul realized the importance of his calling and the responsibilities it holds, and I imagine the dignity of such a calling when he said, "We beseech you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Just imagine some preachers standing in Christ's stead; standing for Christ in Christ's position; rendering Christ's decision, issuing Christ's blessings which really every true minister does, when administering the Word. I say just imagine some preachers in such an exalted position. No wonder they feel out of place and many times complain of not having a message. Why! In England a few weeks ago, some young ladies were presented to the court of the queen, but before they appeared before her highness they were trained and drilled in every little detail, so that they might reach and meet all the dignified qualifications of that splendid court. Now shift the picture from the ones presented to the person doing the presenting or introducing. The first thought upon seeing a person presented to her majesty the queen of England, is the dignity the attendant of that court preserved; and what an embarrassment if that attendant should make a mistake. Brethren, we ministers have the privilege to introduce men and women to a much higher and grander court than that of England. We are duty-bound to present men and women to the King of all the universe, and just as truly as the attendants of these earthly courts have to be trained in the dignity, so do we have to be trained to preserve the dignity of our calling.

Try to picture in your mind, the attendant of the court of King George of England appearing some day without his tie, or without his coat, or with his shoes muddy and needing shining. If you ever see such a picture you will have to imagine it, for that is one thing that does not happen. They do not enter the presence of the king and queen without first being properly clothed. You may say they are proud. If they are proud for the sake of their position, our position is greater and I for one am proud of my position as a minister of the court of King Jesus; for myself I am going to make my personal appearance as near fit for the position I occupy as I possibly can. There is one good thing about our King, that is He furnishes the clothes, and the only thing He asks is that we keep them tidy. Imagine an ambassador of Christ coming into the presence of God without a tie, without a coat, with dirty suspenders, a shirt not more than half ironed and it pulled up far enough around the waist to show the skin, and whose trousers have never been pressed (except in the place where he sits) since he bought them, and whose shoes lacked a polishing for months, possibly not completely laced; see him address the mighty Monarch thus, "O God, King of all the earth, I now want to present to you Mr. Jones who wishes to be reconciled to you and your Kingdom." Does such a picture present a pleasing aspect to you? No! I can hear you say. Then does the minister of God who lacks any of these points in his personal appearance look good to you? He certainly does not to me. I think too much of my calling, and too much of the King and Court I represent, to neglect my personal appearance, especially when I enter the pulpit to stand (Please Look On Page Three)

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EDITORIALS

Brother E. L. Simmons who is now in the Holy Land has a very sick wife. We desire that the saints everywhere join us in prayer for her.

Revivals are now on in many places not only in the churches but many of the brethren have secured school houses and old church houses and some have built brush arbors and it is truly wonderful the way the Lord is blessing and the people are getting to the Lord.

We ask all our customers that possibly can to settle your account with the Publishing House by the first of October so that we will have plenty of time to prepare the report for the Assembly.

Since last report was given we have received 233 subscriptions and renewals for the Church of God Evangel. Many are writing us as to how much they appreciate the paper and we know that they mean it by the way the subscriptions are coming. We hope that each lover of the paper will continue to do their best for her till the Assembly.

Remember that the 24th Annual Assembly will soon be here. Get ready to come. Hundreds and thousands are planning to attend that great feast. Come prayed up and ready to have a good time.

AZORES

(Continued from page one)

Charge gave us a great reception and again that missionary spirit which has so often touched my heart began to work upon us. The question immediately presented itself to me, Shall we or shall we not? Here are thousands of duped, illiterate, pauperish subjects of Romanism. What shall be done for them? I am told that there is a Catholic church at every village on the Azores, and only one Protestant mission that we know of.

Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send laborers into the vineyard.

Suffered 22 Years with Tumor, Healed

BAILEYTON Ala.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for my blessed Saviour, for what He has done for me. Five years ago He came into my heart and forgave me of my sins and added me to the great Church of God, bless His dear name. He sanctified me, and after tarrying four days He filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. I lived in the Baptist church about thirty years. But one day while at my work, trying to get money to have a tumor taken out of my side that had been there twenty-two years, (one afternoon about 4:00 o'clock) my side was hurting and I saw death was going to overtake me if something was not done. I heard a voice speak to me and tell me to seek the Lord. I was puzzled, for I did not know how. But the Lord guided me to the saints and they prayed for me and I went to meeting that same night and was healed and sanctified, bless the Lord. I am a sound woman to-day, out trying to bring sinners to the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. Pray for me, that I may ever do the will of the Lord. We would like for some preacher to come here, as holiness has never been preached at this place.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Belle Owens.

Church Set In Order

We have just closed a meeting at Judson, Fla. near Trenton. Seven received the Holy Ghost, twelve or fifteen were saved, and several were sanctified. A church was set in order with fourteen members. Ten were baptized with water and others to follow. Two came into the church by transfer. A Sunday School was also organized and a prayer meeting too. The meeting ran over five weeks. Brother P. V. Lord began the meeting and held on for about ten days, then Sister Kate Hall of Branford came and helped for about ten days and had to go home on account of sickness. Brother Lord wrote us to come and help. We did. About twenty were in the altar when we began preaching and as we would give out the Word people would come to the altar weeping and praying. We held on for ten days before anyone received the Holy Ghost. On the tenth night which was Saturday, one received the Holy Ghost. Next day the old time pentecostal power fell and people were slain under the mighty power of God. Three received the Holy Ghost. Some of the people were amazed. The opposers were mad and did all they could to convince the people we were wrong and indecent but it had no effect. Large crowds came right on. During the week three more received the Holy Ghost. The people were very kind. They opened up their homes to us and fed us on their good eats. I expect we will go back again. Brother Lord and little daughter were faithful in singing and music while we were there. He will pastor the church for the rest of the year.—Brother E. E. Simmons and wife, district overseer, Williston, Fla.

FIRE FALLING IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill. — On the 28th of May I came to Chicago being led of the Lord to do so. Some of the people had made arrangements for a hall which we hoped to have for a meeting, but after Sister Shumaker arrived she did not feel that God would be pleased to conduct meetings where they were having lodge meetings twice a week and of course those nights we could not have services. She and I visited homes and conducted prayer service among the ones that were looking toward the church. We felt led that God had something better in store for the Church of God, and visited a Trinity Mission where a baptized policeman had started a work. Right away he asked Sister Shumaker to take charge on Sunday morning and two nights a week, Tuesday and Friday nights.

In the last two Sunday morning services there has been a holy hush over the whole audience and the very presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifested. Last Sunday night two received the Holy Ghost and one was a little girl twelve years old. She lay under the power three hours and talked in tongues warning the people that Jesus was coming soon and also showing the horrors of hell. She sang five songs in the Spirit with interpretation, one being in the Italian language, as an Italian man said he understood it. The policeman and two other men were under the power at the same time, while others were weeping, shouting and praising God. So we can see of a truth that the power of God is just the same today as it was when Jesus was here on earth with the disciples.

Five years ago I came with Sister Shumaker and she was conducting a revival in Joliet, Ill.; I saw God do mighty things, and have had many wonderful meetings with her in these five years but praise God I will say this is the most wonderful Church of God meeting that I ever was in. Praise God, if heaven is much better with all of its shouts and waves of glory, truly we will not be able to contain ourselves.

Since we have been conducting services at 203 So. Halsted St. I have seen ex-convicts, policeman, and all kinds of characters saved, as far down as the drunkard. One very much interested young man has also received the Holy Ghost, and already been instrumental in bringing one of his Catholic associates to the saving knowledge of Jesus and says he going to attend the Bible School.

I will not fail to say for the glory of God that a blind man has come to help us and plays the organ every noon for the street meeting. This is located where we can reach the factory hands. Evangel readers please pray that he may receive his eyesight.

Sister Shumaker is hoping to have Brother Goins to come here before the Assembly and set a church in order as there are eight to be baptized. We want all who read this to pray that God will give us a Church that will rise and keep shining till Jesus comes for His bride.

Just a sister saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and praise God, has been added to the great Church of God. Pray God to have His way in my life, that I may do what He wants me to do.—Martha Zimmerlin.

NOTICES & SPECIALS

To those who would like to know my new address: It is 2942 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill. God has provided a six room flat for which we truly thank Him. Brother Valle Scott and wife from Sesser, Ill. are with us. We are still conducting meetings at 203 So. Halsted St., and God is wonderfully blessing. To any of the Church of God family, when passing through Chicago, you will find us at the above address.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Amelia Shumaker.

WANTED:—A tent not less than 40x60 ft. in first class condition. If you can't give age and complete description, please do not write.—S. F. Beard, Box 2511, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

If any one knows what has become of Barney Medlin, please send me his address or the address of his mother. The last time I heard from this boy was sometime in March. At that time he was in Sanatorium, Miss. I have two of his books which I would like to return so if any one knows where he is please write me. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I will stay humble at the foot of the cross and do what God would have me do.—Your humble sister in Christ, Lucille Smith, R. 2., Henning, Tenn.

CORRECTION

In Brother J. P. Hughes' article, "God's Business and His Financial System," in the Evangel of August 10th, there is an error in the paragraph "Is Tithing Taught in the New Testament." In the final correction of the paper before it went to press the wrong line was put in which made it read "Those who were under the law, so did Jesus bring it unto the law, but the people under grace pay tithes because they love God." This should have read, "Those who were under the law paid tithes because it was law, but the people under grace pay tithes because they love God."—Transcribers.

Home Coming Day, Sept. 15th, at Church of God, Harlan, Ky. Since the members of this church are scattered so I feel it necessary to write to you thru the Evangel. You may get here with your report.

Now concerning our dollar drive: We have done but little so far but by Sept. 15th we want to hear from every member with a respond of \$1.00 at least. Add an offering for the revival which begins on this date, with Brother C. H. Standifer from Indiana in charge, with his workers. If you love the cause of Christ and lost souls let us hear from you with your dollar for Headquarters and an offering for Brother Standifer. Pray that God will bless in this revival.—T. A. Richard, pastor, Harlan, Ky., Box 173.

Will say to the dear saints of Jamaica, our next convention will convene Sept. 25-27, D. V., at the Largo church, four miles north of Frankfield. Anyone coming by rail can get off at Frankfield. The train will be met on the 25th. For further information write H. A. Hudson, Frankfield, P. O. Clarendon.

We would be glad for all of the preachers to be present if possible, and as many of the laity as can come. All come praying and expecting great things of the Lord.—Z. R. Thomas, Kingston Jamaica, B. W. I.

I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He has saved and sanctified me and I am still seeking the Holy Ghost. As soon as I receive

the Holy Ghost I am going back to my home (Hartford, Conn.) to teach the blessed Word to those who believe the Bible.

I would like to locate some of the missions of the Church of God on my way to Connecticut from Virginia. If there is any Church of God in Hartford, Conn. or any part of Conn., I would like to hear from them.

Please pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost soon so I can teach the Word of the Church of God.—Your sister in Christ Jesus, Annie Lovern, Box 21, Radford, Va.

The Church of God at Waycross, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Mercy Crews Eveans, Sister Reva Blunt, and Sister Mary Steedly. Please write R. B. Herrin, clerk, or J. B. Weeks, pastor, 1606 Prescott St., Waycross, Ga.

This is to notify the Church of God everywhere that W. M. Neal is no longer a member of the Church of God. He has backslidden and is doing much against the saints everywhere he goes. He was disfellowshipped Aug. 11, 1929, at Archer, Fla., Elder I. J. James, pastor.—I. W. Wise.

Anyone wanting a meeting, write me at once. I want to get out in the work.—W. L. Reynolds, Rt. 4, Gordo, Ala.

I made a mistake and was disfellowshipped from the Church of God, but when I came to myself I was glad to get back. I am back in the heavenly way and ask the saints everywhere to pray for me. I am ready to help do anything for the Lord and His Church that I can.—Yours for lost souls, L. E. Jones, LaFollette, Tenn.

The Church of God Young People's Endeavor state convention will convene at Orlando, Fla. Sept. 6-8. Owing to limited time, inconvenience, etc. we will be unable to make the first convention as interesting as we would like but by cooperation and united effort we can make it a success, so we would like to hear from every local president as soon as possible. Let us know what you have for the convention. We want all the young people present, so come on expecting a good time from the Lord. Pray much for the convention. P. W. Chessier, Pres., Box 311, Largo, Fla.

I want to say to all who are interested in the above convention, do your best to attend as it is the first young people's convention that Florida has ever had, and possibly the first of its nature in the entire movement. We are expecting some good things from this meeting and we want parents and workers over the state to do all in your power to help them to attend. The Orlando church says that they will furnish entertainment free, with a smile and a shout, so come on and let's give them something to do. Let us push them out into their backyards and take the place by storm. Come on, prayed up and filled with the fire and glory of God. Oh! it seems to me that I can see about two hundred and fifty of you on your way now. Again I want you older heads who are interested to get in as stowaways and come see what the Lord will do.

O yes, there comes that Fall camp meeting at Wimauma. Look for announcements. O hallelujah! There is a holy flame from glory burning in my bones as I write this notice.—R. P. Johnson, state overseer of Florida.

REQUESTS

I request the prayers of the saints everywhere that I may get to go to church. I get so hungry to go to the good old Church of God. Please pray for my children to be saved also my husband. I am praying for a Christian home and I know that I am serving a true and living God, one who hears and answers prayers. Some day I will have a Christian home for I have faith in God. Please remember me in your prayers.—Your humble sister in Christ, Mrs. James B. Harmon.

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank God for victory over sin. I am not very well in body. I got hurt in the mines and I haven't gotten over it. I desire all the saints to pray that God will heal my body. I want Him to have His way in my home. Pray that He will save my loved ones.—T. F. Dalton, Chapmanville, W. Va., Rt. 1, Box 1.

Please pray earnestly for God to heal my body for His service and His glory. I am trusting in no one but God who can heal all manner of diseases. I want His will to be done for He knows best. I have been afflicted for about nine years. I realize I am almost at the end of my way unless God wonderfully takes hold soon. It will be a real miracle if God makes a well body out of mine. No one knows but

the Lord how I feel and suffer. I am trying to endure it patiently and as quietly as possible, taking all my troubles to the Lord. He blesses me in body while I am doing His work but when I have to go back to secular labor it seems that He turns loose. I know the Lord did lay His hand on me and I had perfect health and strength twelve years ago. It is not my fault, but sin hindered. Please pray for me and my husband that the Lord will direct us, also for the healing of his body, and the Lord shall have all the praise.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Nellie Dunaway, Rt. 1, Box 107, Foxworth, Miss.

I want to praise God this evening for His love and mercy to me. I have wandered away from God but I promised Him if He would heal my baby I would testify of it. She is not completely healed but she is some better. I ask all of God's people to pray that God will heal her completely and pray that I will get back to God before it is too late. I ask all to pray for my husband, father, and mother that they will be saved before it is too late and that my mother will be healed. There is not any peace in a backslider's life. We don't know how good the Lord is to us or we would not go on in sin like we do and grieve our precious Savior. Oh, I am so sorry I let Satan overcome me like I did, but he is al-

Train The Children

JOLIET, Mont.—To our many brothers and sisters everywhere, greetings in Jesus' name: I want to write a few words of testimony for my blessed Redeemer this morning, who dug me from an awful pit, set my feet on this solid rock and put me on the run for glory. The Bible tells us we must run the race with patience, and not walk it, also that we must lay aside everything that might hinder us. I had to lay aside many things and I thank God because He gave me grace to lay them aside for in myself I am nothing. I will name a few of them and perhaps they'll help someone else. First, was my short dress. The Bible says we must dress as becometh holiness and I am sure short dresses do not become holiness. Next, was curling my hair. I thought, "Well, I'll braid it up and then I won't be using the curling pin." But bless the Lord, if He had wanted my hair curly, He would have given me curly hair. Next, was my vanishing cream. Oh, yes, the devil says, "You'll be a pretty looking sight after you take that six hundred mile trip by car and don't use any cold cream. You'll be all blistered and peeled." It was an awful hot, dusty trip, but the Lord says, "I'm able." Praise His name, and He was, I never even blistered. Oh friends, if we would just lean more on our Saviour for the small things as well as the larger we would get more blessings. We could shout the victory at all times. As we look around in this old world of darkness and at the people in gross darkness, we must set the standard high and show the world what we really and truly live for. Show the people the wonderful change that has been wrought in our lives and what the dear old Church of God stands for.

Another thing I'm afraid that we as Christian people are letting down the standard in is the rearing of our children. We are letting them get the upper hand of us and it is terrible the way some of our children do in these last days. The Word says if we beateat him he shall not die. Prov. 23:13. Also we should "train up a child in the way that he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. We go into our churches and see our people's children acting much worse than they do in the formal churches. This should not be for we must remember that we are God's chosen people and must reverence Him at all times. I can only speak for one, but I know that a child running in and out of the church house detracts the congregation's mind from the sermon and they loose the spirit by watching to see what the child will do next. Then the altar call will be given, seekers will go forward, and altar workers be down at the altar praying. Pretty soon a child steps on their fingers, bumps them in the head, kicks them on the ankle, or maybe steps on that sore corn. Brothers and sisters, this is nothing more than the devil disturbing for he knows he is in danger of losing one of his victims. He will do all that he can if he has to use the children to keep that soul from praying thru and getting saved, sanctified, or the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I find the least thing sometimes will make a seeker get up and go back to his seat and set down. We will be held accountable if we don't correct our children. Perhaps someone will say, "Oh, she can talk that way for she hasn't any children." Beloved, I have two sweet little children which the Lord has given to us and I know I have been slack in time past, perhaps lots of times, but with the Lord's help I mean to raise them right and have them do the things that are pleasing in His sight. I feel this will help someone if they will heed it and may the Lord bless you each and everyone.

Last Sunday night our overseer and ways on his job.—Mrs. M. Wright, Birchwood, Tenn.

Makes Our Souls Rejoice

MIZE, Miss.—I want to praise the Lord this morning for the revival that has just closed at Waco. The saints seem to be encouraged to press on. Three were saved, five sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost, sixteen came into the church and fourteen followed the Lord in water baptism.

It makes our souls rejoice to see people receive the Holy Ghost. Brother S. V. Grimes, our state evangelist, was in charge of the meeting. He surely did some good preaching. It was food to our souls. Brother Grimes held large crowds by singing and picking the guitar. This made souls hungry for God.

I think anyone would do well if they could get Brother Grimes to hold meetings in new fields.

We have a nice little church at Waco. We are thankful that the Lord has given it to us. We all are young in the way so pray that we will let God have His way with us.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Delie Bozeman.

Free From Sin

BONE CAVE, Tenn.—Dear brothers and sisters, I want to praise God this afternoon for salvation. I am glad I find in His Word that we can live 365 days in the year above sin, praise God. I am glad that He said He that is dead to sin is free from sin, Rom. 6:7. You know there are people to-day who will say we have to sin more or less every day, but I find a scripture that reads like this: "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8. Dear saints, it is wonderful to serve a God that can keep us free from sin here in this present world and for a God that can heal our bodies when we get sick. I am not afraid to trust Him because He said He would never leave nor forsake us. Praise His holy name. Come on saints, let's lift up Jesus who suffered without the gates that we might be sanctified thru His precious blood.

I praise God for the dear old B. T. S. It is the best place in the world for people who want to know more about the Bible. I mean to be a student; next term if the Lord is willing. I want to say to each student, please pray much and hold on to God's unchanging hand. Then some day we can gather around the great white throne of God where we can sing and shout together forever and ever.

Brother T. S. Payne, began a revival at Campagna, Tenn. near my home town Aug. 18. Everybody welcome. Pray for me.—An humble brother in Christ, William Johnson.

wife, and Brother Rob Cook and daughter came down to Joliet. Brother Lowe set a church in order with seven members and more to come in later. We held six services in all during the week and Sunday. Two nights in the week we drive about fifty miles to a place, there and back, and have meeting. We have good interest at these places. I ask you who know the worth of prayer to pray for the Lord to save many souls.

We are buying our church at this place so pray that the Lord will continue to furnish the finances. Pray for the Lord to keep us true and humble in His work.—A sister, Ada Cook, clerk.

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Obituaries

PERKINS

Mrs. Sarah Smith Perkins was born March 7, 1879 and died Aug. 9, 1929. She was fifty years, five months, and two days old. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, seven children, two sisters, one brother, and many other relatives and friends. I never saw anyone sicker who bore their troubles as she did. Everything that could be done for her comfort was done. She was a member of the Church of God. We had prayer for her but God in His wisdom took her out of her suffering to be with Him. I feel that she was ready to go because when we had prayer for her she would talk in tongues and praise God for His blessings on her. While we miss her and can't understand why she was called away, we know that the Lord doeth all things for the best; and while we can not call her back, we can let her life be an example for each of us so when God sees best to take us we will be ready to go. Her body was laid to rest in the Evergreen cemetery to await the resurrection. The funeral was conducted by Brother J. W. Culpepper. Dear relatives and sinners, Please prepare to meet this one Just inside the Celestial City. And live on and on.—One who loved her and wants to meet her around the great white throne, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vance Perkins, Macon, Ga.

BEARD

On June 20, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister W. I. Beard and claimed for its victim little Onie Belle, age one year, six months, and twenty-five days. She is survived by father, mother, seven brothers, and two sisters. We sorrow not as those who have no hopes. We expect to meet little Onie Belle in Glory. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery in Webster County. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Cecil Sims. Precious darling, how we miss you. Since from us you have gone away. By God's help we mean to meet you in Heaven there to ever stay. One who loved her, Sister J. B. Cole, R. 3, Indianapolis, Miss.

ROBERTS

On July 1, 1929 the death angel crept into the home of Captain Augustus Roberts of Nassau, Bahamas and took away his oldest son, Captain Osborne Campbell Roberts, age forty-eight yrs., eleven months, and eleven days. He professed Christ anity at an early age and became a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church. Later he became a local preacher of the same church. He was a faithful servant of the church until a year or so prior to his death. He and his family then attended the Church of God services at Green Turtle Cay. He never became a member of the Church of God, but I believe that from the time Brother A. J. Tomlinson made his first visit to the Bahamas Islands, away down in his heart he believed that Holiness was right. He would testify to it at different times, even while a preacher in the Methodist Church.

He suffered for years with heart trouble which was the cause of his death. He was suddenly seized with a severe pain on Saturday night and eight days later he quietly and peacefully passed over into the great Beyond where travellers never return. About four or five months prior to his death his father moved from Green Turtle Cay to Nassau and about six weeks after his father left he had a half-brother who was killed at Ft. Pierce, Fla. by an automobile accident. All these troubles were too much for him and they soon carried him off. He said he had surrendered all to the Lord and spoke very encouraging to those who visited him. He gave very good counsel to his loved ones and told us to meet him in Heaven. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, one daughter, one son, an aged father, step-mother, one sister, two brothers, three half-brothers, four half-sisters, one uncle, one aunt, and many other relatives and friends. He was one of the leading men of the town and will be greatly missed by many. We sorrow not as those who have no hope for we hope to meet him again in the land where we'll never grow old.

His funeral was conducted by our pastor, Brother William T. Auten, assisted by Brother William R. Franks. His body was laid to rest in the Home Cemetery there to await the great resurrection morn, when the dead in Christ shall rise to meet the Lord in the air and to be with him forevermore.

A brother from us has been taken away. To live in the land of unclouded day. But thank the Lord, if we faithful be, Some day his dear face again we'll see.—One who loved him, his brother, Hartley B. Roberts.

BERRY

Lawrence Berry was born November 17, 1868 and died July 20, 1929. When a young man he married Fannie Berry and to this union were born ten children. In 1918 his wife died and he married Cressy Bethes. To this union were born two children.

We feel sure he is at rest for he said he was ready to go. On June 12 he was helping hitch up some mules to a mowing machine and they jumped and ran. The machine ran over him. His sufferings were great from then until death. Everything was done that human hands could do. He was not a member of any church but surely believed in the Church of God. He is greatly missed by the community. He had such a quiet loving disposition. He made many friends who hated to give him up, but God saw best to take him home. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Tullison and the remains laid to rest in the Little Rock Cemetery, Essie Berry.

CRANFIELD

On July 25 the death angel visited the bedside of Brother James Cranfield and claimed him for his own. He was not a member of the Church of God but was a Holiness believer. He leaves five sisters and six brothers to meet him in the Resurrection. He was laid to rest in the Grasshopper cemetery to await the coming of the Lord.—His sister, Mrs. Mollie Woods.

LOWE

On July 24th, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Brother and Sister Lowe of Asheville, N. C. and claimed for its victim their darling baby, little Mary Zella. She had only been in their home a few days, nine months and twenty-four days, just long enough for them to learn of the tender love for her. All was done that loving hands could do but the One who gave her to them wanted her back to help beautify the Home of the soul, so He sent His angel to carry her away. We realize our loss is Heaven's gain, yet the vacant place in the home can never be filled.

The graveyard holds the little form That once we cherished here, But Heaven holds the spirit that some day

When Jesus comes in His glory, shall appear.—Annie M. Lindsey, Billmore, N. C., R. 5.

HOPKINS

On the morning of July 17, 1928 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Due Hopkins and claimed for its victim their darling baby, little Charles William. He was born July 22, 1927 and was 11 months and 25 days of age. He was sick one month with whooping cough and during the last days he took bronchitis which soon choked him to death. He leaves to mourn his death a father, mother, one sister, grandfathers, grandmothers, and a host of loved ones and friends. His little body was laid to rest in Poplar Grove near Henning, Tenn. Everything was done for him that loving hands could do but God wanted him to help finish His sweet little angel band.

Hearts are torn and hopes crushed. The music of the home is hushed. For death has taken the darling one. The lovely babe and the first son.—One who loved him, Mrs. Lucy Best, R. 1, Ripley, Tenn.

MOORE

On July 6 the death angel visited our home and claimed for its victim our little girl, Velma. She was five years, three months, and twenty-five days of age. She was taken sick about 1:10 o'clock and died 4:45 o'clock. This brought sadness to our hearts. She was a loving child and would often sing and say, "Mama, let's have prayer meeting." Brother Brantly, our pastor, conducted the funeral service which touched the hearts of many who were present. Brother Polard in closing his prayer made mention of little Velma taking her vacation with Jesus. She leaves to mourn her death a father, mother, one brother, and other relatives and friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain. We expect to meet her on the Golden Shore where there will never be no parting.

We loved her, yes, we loved her But Jesus loved her more, And He has sweetly called her To yonder shining shore. Pray much for us.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Petty and Vaden Moore.

HAD DEDICATORY SERVICE

BUFFALO VALLEY, Tenn.—Princes Chapel Church of God was dedicated on the third Sunday in June. Our State Overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, was with us, and I want to say that the message he brought was enjoyed by all. About the first words he said were, "I have found one fault with this already, the building is too small." The building is 34x40 but the crowd was large. We had the dedicatory service in the morning, then dinner was spread on the ground. All seemed to enjoy themselves. In the evening our State Overseer delivered another wonderful message, giving fifteen reasons why we should be sanctified. I heard lots of folks say it was too short. Some said they could listen to him all day. Three deacons were

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between God and man, between life and death. I would no more enter the pulpit without my coat than I would without my shirt. But some say it is too hot to wear a coat in the summer. Then get a thinner coat. Some say it is not necessary to wear a coat as nobody in our community objects to the preacher preaching without his coat. The difference between myself and some other preachers is they preach and dress to suit the people whereas I try to dress and preach to suit the God who hires me. I want God to look down and when He sees my personal appearance have Him to be pleased rather than ashamed of me. I don't want to embarrass our God by coming into His presence without my clothes pressed, shoes polished, shirt, tie and collar clean.

I will ask you tieless, collarless, unpollished shoe preachers this question, if you see a man going down the street, in dirty unpressed clothes, without a tie and dirty, muddy shoes, and you should ask some one who the man is and they would tell you he was a doctor, or lawyer, you would come to the conclusion right away that he was very unsuccessful at his profession. Yes, that is just the way the average man looks at the preacher who cares nothing for his personal appearance.

Then when you see a well dressed, dignified man, and some one says he is a lawyer or doctor, you take it as a matter of fact that he is. The reason you do is from the simple fact that everybody, including you, expects lawyers and doctors to appear that way. Just so the public expects the minister of the Gospel to be neatly dressed and have a dignified appearance.

I would not want a seedy looking lawyer to defend me in court; neither would I want a seedy looking doctor to attend any of my family in case of sickness. I would be afraid they had not studied enough to accomplish anything worth while. I have the same kind of feelings toward seedy looking preachers who care nothing for their personal appearance. You may think I am too hard and harsh, but my subject is "Preserve thou the dignity of thy calling," and I have to say some things that are hard in order to penetrate the skins of those who are afraid that they will be getting proud and like the world if they tidy themselves up a little. I don't care what the world thinks, I don't care what some of our church members, and several of the ministers, who are too narrow minded to let themselves and others dress neatly, think; I am proud of my calling, and by the help of God I am going to see to it that my personal appearance is such that when I meet a stranger and he asks me what line of work I follow, I can unhesitatingly tell him that I am a minister of the Church of God, and realize that so far as personal appearances go, I at least make a favorable impression on him. More than once I have been ashamed to introduce the evangelist to the people the first night of the revival. And as sure as you are reading this article, I have never known a man of that kind, having the influence with the people, nor having the successful revival, as have the evangelists who take some pride in themselves and their appearance. So from this on I have decided that I would have to see the evangelist before securing his services for a revival. I would like to say right here, that I never judge a revival by the excitement, at the time the meeting is in progress, but by the lasting good accomplished. For I have known some revivals that would have been better, if they had not been conducted.

Then personal appearance is not the only thing necessary to preserve the dignity of the ministry. The next thing that is equally as important is the study and use of good language. Ignorance of which, and the seemingly glorying in such ignorance, will make a hit with some of the ignoramuses, but ignorance will never let you serve the masses who need the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nor can you preserve the dignity of your calling without mastering the rudiments and principles of a good grammar. I have heard some who have tried to refer to the original language of the Bible, when really they knew nothing of their own language; several of them could not begin to speak English correctly.

The thing a great many of us preachers needs is to burn more midnight oil in the pursuit of good English.

We were glad to have with us some folks from Campaign and McMinnville. The day was a wonderful day for Princes Chapel. We love our pastor, Brother C. H. Prince, and believe he is a real shepherd.

We are now in a revival at Hickory, Tenn. with Brother Ralph Coulter in charge. The Lord is blessing wonderfully. Fourteen were in the altar last night and three received the Holy Ghost. The end is not yet. The report will be given when it is over. There is lots more that would be good to report from this place. If you are looking for a real feast from God, come to Princes Chapel. I thank the Lord for the Holy Ghost now.—Your brother in Christ, Lee Alcorn.

lish. I fear that a great many of the preachers worry too much about other tongues, the unknown tongue and so forth, and we don't pay enough attention to our own tongue (language). My advice to all of that class of our ministers, who do not use English halfway correctly, is that they buy themselves a good English grammar and a good Webster's unabridged dictionary, and study and study until you know enough that you may appear in any set of society and not be ashamed of your English. Some will think that such would be pride, and that if they used correct English that they would appear to be stuck up. Let me say right here that I had rather appear proud and stuck up, and know good English than to be proud that I didn't know it.

Brethren, there is no excuse for ignorance, for any man who has brains enough to be a preacher has brains enough to learn. And those who will not learn are in every instant willfully lazy, and trifling and of the don't-care disposition. I further advise that class (if they wish to be ministers in the Church of God and preserve the dignity of their calling), to buy themselves some good books and read, read, and keep on reading; subscribe for a daily newspaper or two and read them, and while you are reading, study the language in which the articles are written and you will get a good knowledge of the language as it is spoken currently. Oh! but you say, I don't believe in reading the newspapers; well that doesn't matter, you who belong to the class getting this advice need to throw away many things that are born and have root only in narrow minds. Now don't think that I mean that all illiterate are narrow minded. I would not say such a thing, for many uneducated persons are very broad and liberal minded, but such are ever-lastingly studying so as to improve themselves that they might be a blessing to their calling and those who are ministers of this class are studying hard so as to preserve the dignity of their calling.

I would like to say right here, brethren, that a man can have knowledge and yet not be proud nor stuck up. Many, many persons who are well versed are as humble as any people you can find, even among the uneducated.

I pray that God will help us to reach the place where education will be given its rightful place in the church and where ignorance will be discouraged by both the ministry and laity. But first every minister who by word or gesture discourages learning, must be converted to the doctrine of good language, then the bringing up of the laity will be comparatively easy.

My prayer to God is, Give us a good graded school for our uneducated preachers, and a doctrinal school with plenty of doctrinal text books for all of us preachers. Then all of us could secure the learning necessary, and every preacher who expected to continue preaching should have to pass a certain percent in graded school work, and a high percent in the doctrinal school work. Those who refused to study should be deprived of their credentials. And all new candidates for the ministry should have to pass the same high grade. Then and only then can we have the ministry necessary to convert the world to Christ.

We have the Spiritual, now give us the literal educational advantages and we will turn the world upside down for Christ and His Church. Amen. (Correspondence solicited), Box 2511 Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

How Pleasant To Dwell Together

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30 p. m. a very instructive message was delivered by Brother J. H. Walker on "True Repentance." At 8:00 p. m. short talks were given by Brother George Lemons, Brother E. J. Boehmer, and Brother J. N. Nelson. Bro. H. L. Whittington of N. Chattanooga then delivered a very encouraging message on "The Shout of Faith." Then an altar call was given.

Sunday, July 7, at 10:00 a. m. we had the call of the churches by districts. Many battles and victories were reported from different parts of the state. At 11:00 a. m. Brother H. N. Scoggins brought forth a message on "Finance," proving very clearly that this is a part of the work of the church that must not be neglected. We then adjourned for noon. At 2:00 the report of the churches was finished. At 3:00 p. m. Brother T. S. Payne brought the message. His subject was "The Mission of the Church." You who know Brother Payne know that he can preach on the Church. We had a regular old time Holiness sermon at 8:00 p. m. which was preached by Brother H. K. Kieth on "Faithfulness." At 8:30 p. m. Brother J. B. Ellis preached the closing sermon of the convention, "What Shall the Harvest Be?"

I am sure that this convention will long be remembered by those who attended and I believe the sentiment of the church at E. Chattanooga would be, give us another convention. In conclusion I want to say the speakers seemed to be at their best. The singing and music was fine, the order was perfect, and we can say with the Psalmist David, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—A believer in conventions, J. L. Byrd.

LETTERS IN INTEREST Of The BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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TENNESSEE

EDUCATION

LONE TREE, N. Dak.—Dear readers and fellow-students, I take great delight in writing a few lines in behalf of the Church of God Bible Training School. I must say that I greatly appreciate the privilege of attending the last term of school and hope I can be back this year. I often think of the happy days spent in school and of the teachers and students and long to see them all again.

Since I gave my heart to the Lord, I've had a desire to do something for Him. This evening I feel encouraged to press on. I've been thinking and wondering what I should write that would be of interest to the readers so while I was thinking of how much I have been benefited by attending school, the word education came to my mind.

Education as defined by Webster is the act or process of educating or training, as by a prescribed course of study or discipline, or the knowledge, skill, and development of character acquired by such training.

I will use for a text Acts 7:22, "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds." Moses was one of the most learned men of his time. There is much in his experience to commend the subject of education. We see in his training God's testimony in favor of education. Moses was placed where he could enjoy all the advantages of education. We also see in reading the book of the Proverbs God's will in favor of education in the schools of the prophets, in the teaching of the Bible, and in the capacity and carvings of the human mind. The education of the mind is a sacred duty. Education is of great value. Think of the cost of Moses' education, the suffering of the Israelites, and the dangers of a heathen court. Think of the increased power it gave him. By education mental diamonds are polished, gold is converted into current coin. No matter what vocation one may choose in life, a good education enables him to do better the work that he has to do. We need to study the Word of God, 2 Tim. 2:15. Some may say they do not need to go to school that the Lord will help them, but listen if the Lord can bless us in our ignorance, how much more could He bless us if we knew the Word of God. Secular education is not in itself sufficient. Man has a twofold nature—mental and moral. We should educate both. Moses received a religious training first from his mother and later from God in the desert. Moses was distinguished for eminence both in secular and religious education.

Intelligent piety is the best piety. We should seek to do all in our power to prepare ourselves for God's service. In these days of schools and colleges, we need to be able to present the truth

IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:20.

In the above text we find the Apostle Paul admonishing the saints at Ephesus to give thanks always for all things. In our daily walk of life we sometimes find it rather hard to give thanks in all things, living in such a faithless and perverse generation as we seem to find existing in the world today; but our hearts and affections should be centered upward with the encouraging words of the Apostle James, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Jas. 1:17.

How it behooves each one of us to lift up our eyes toward the hills from whence cometh our strength. I truly have much to thank God for. Much more have I to thank Him for than many people; first, the Lord has saved my soul from hell, and second because of the grand privilege of attending the two last terms of Bible School.

As I view the picture of the school group, how sweet are the memories of the many good blessings received while in the schoolroom. I sometimes wonder what the different students are doing for God, and if they are all yet on victory side. Should there be any that have let old Satan steal away their joy, I am quite sure it isn't from the lack of good training on the part of our dear teachers.

"So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do." Luke 17:10. I have been a very unprofitable servant so far. I have not blackened the old devil's eyes very much, but nevertheless I have had the opportunity to shake both fists in his face this summer. Please pray for me that I will be faithful and that I will meet you at the Assembly, the schoolroom, or at the most, in Glory.—Your humble brother in Christ and for lost souls, Daniel Cupp, Augusta, W. Va.

In such a way that we can reach the people in the higher classes as well as the common people. In the sight of the Lord their souls are just as valuable as yours and mine. The higher educated class of people are harder to win than the common class of people as so many schools teach a doctrine and drill it into the students until it takes a real knowledge of the Word of God to convince them of the reality of Christ.

Let us do our best for God. Pray for me that I might be a blessing to some lost soul.—Your unworthy brother in Christ, Stephen Nesheim.

Let's Be True Just a Little While Longer

SELMA, N. C.—To the dear saints everywhere: I guess there are some who would like to hear of the home coming day of the Church of God here the fifth Sunday in June. I want to say that the dear Lord surely was with us in a wonderful way. There were folks from different places. Some were from Wake Forest, Middlesex, Erwin, and others. Oh, how the Lord did bless. Eternity alone will tell. Brother C. H. Deans our district overseer, delivered us a wonderful message on the church. It was enjoyed by all present. The rest of the time was taken up with prayers, singing and testifying, and praising God.

Dinner was served on the ground. After dinner when we gathered back, the Lord continued to bless. Several were healed for which we give God all the glory. It seems that the saints here have a stronger determination to hold on to the dear Lord. We desire the prayers of all the saints. I know this will be a day that will be long remembered. We can meet here on

earth and enjoy the wonderful blessings of the dear Lord for a while and then we have to separate and say good-bye, but hallelujah, I am glad I am looking forward to the great home coming day in Heaven where we will never say farewell. We will always be together where we can sing and shout forever. Glory to God. We are living in the last days so let's be true just a little while longer and then we can go and be with Jesus where there will be no heartaches, no sadness, nor tears. Jesus will serve us for millions of years. Oh hallelujah. Pray much for the church in Selma. I want to say we will gladly welcome any or God's children to come and be with us any time, especially the 1st and 3rd Sundays in every month. Brother Brantly of Middlesex is our pastor and Brother C. H. Deans of Middlesex is our district overseer. We really thank God for these men for we believe they are real men of God. There was an offering taken up for the orphans which amounted to \$12. Pay for me. —A sister in Christ, Gladys Fowler.

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God Was In Our Midst

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—I am praising the dear Lord for victory in my soul and for the wonderful way in which He leads. Our state convention at Somerset, Pa. closed a few days ago. The brothers in Philadelphia thought it would be a wonderful thing to have a three days meeting for the benefit of the many saints who could not attend the state convention.

Services began July 4 at the Church of God at Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., at 11 o'clock. The Lord met us in the opening prayer. At 12 o'clock Brother William Smith preached on "The Importance of Unity in the Church." This was enjoyed by all. About 3:30 p. m. Brother Booker gave us a wonderful lesson on "Obedience." This was very timely, and by hearing this the power of God will dwell more richly with us. Brother Dean then preached on the "Mission of Christ" and showed us that as Christ, which is our pattern, had come and fulfilled His mission on earth by bringing salvation, we as saints should lift up Christ, and by so doing win lost souls for Him. At 5:30 p. m. the brothers met in council to discuss the church's work in general. The unity and fellowship of the Spirit was wonderful. Truly God was in our midst. The evening service opened about 7:30 with a wonderful prayer. The songs began to ring, testimonies to roll, and the power to fall. Soon it seemed as if the windows of Heaven were opened and shower after shower began to fall. The saints rejoiced and danced under the mighty power. Brother Owens brought the message on "Being Transformed" which was witnessed by the Holy Ghost.

Friday night Brother Wyn gave a wonderful exhortation to seekers. We had a very good altar service, one soul was blessed.

Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock we had prayer and healing service. Bro. Dean gave a message on "Humbleness." This gave much food for thought and a greater desire to measure up more to God's Word. We had Sunday School at the usual hour. At 4:00 p. m. the writer brought the sermon on the "Lord's Supper," and showed the blessing in eating and drinking worthily and the cursing for eating and drinking unworthily. The message was greatly enjoyed. The saints saw the need of a more careful and closer walk to show the Lord's death and suffering. The Lord's Supper was then served by the writer. God wonderfully set His seal of approval upon the service inasmuch that the saints rejoiced under the mighty moving of the Holy Spirit. One sister lay under the power for over one half hour. Feet washing was then observed. The evening service began with song and testimonies. Brother William Smith gave our last message, "In Christ We Can Do All Things." This was followed by a short talk by the pastor, Brother J. W. Rowley.

Then with the congregation singing, "Blest Be the Ties that Bind," the meeting closed with handshaking of the saints and many good byes. This is a meeting long to be remembered. The saints were encouraged to press forward for God and His great church. —Albert Shelton, Moderator.

Determined To Go All The Way

DEERFIELD, Fla.—Dear saints and friends, I want to thank and praise my God this evening for this wonderful plan of salvation. This moment still finds me saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. By the grace and power of God, I am determined to go all the way. Saints, I don't care what the cost may be I mean to go on because these are the last days and Christ is soon to come. Pray for me that I may be one that Jesus is looking for. There are just a few saints at Deerfield, Fla., but we are

The Devil was Defeated This Time

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—I want to praise the Lord for complete victory in my soul. I also praise Him for the way He blessed in a revival that just closed here Sunday night, May 26th. Brother W. E. Raney came to this place the second Sunday in May and started a revival. It seemed hard for the first few nights. Brother Raney preached for seven nights with almost no victory at all. The enemy said, You just as well stop. I am going to defeat you just as I have in the past. Of course this made our hearts sad for the devil has defeated us in every revival we have had at this place for the last three years, but Brother Raney just loaded the Gospel gun with a little more love and kept firing on the enemy and on Saturday night he captured a few souls for the Lord. From then on it was not so hard. Next day after Sunday School Brother Raney rose to preach. He began to sing "Jesus is Coming Back Again." The power began to fall in the most wonderful way I ever saw. It came as a mighty rushing wind and filled all the house where we were sitting and conviction began to work with sinners and backsliders. Brother Raney just omitted the preaching and gave a chance for people to come to the altar. The altar was filled with hungry seekers and some came thru to victory.

It is impossible for me to give a correct report of this meeting but about seventeen received the Holy Ghost and on Sunday, the last day of the meeting, eleven followed the Lord in water baptism which was conducted by Brother J. C. Childers, our pastor. On Sunday night we had the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. This was a wonderful service. We never saw so many people here before. The house was packed and almost as many on the outside. The Lord's table was spread and sixty came forth and took the Lord's Supper and washed feet. The power fell in a wonderful way. The revival spirit was still on. You could see conviction still working with the people. So after we had washed the saints' feet people seemed so hungry that Brother Raney gave an altar call and the altar was filled. Three received the Holy Ghost and the Lord only knows how much good was done in this meeting. People who had never seen light on the Church of God were convinced that it is the right way.

Brother Raney was here only two weeks but while here he made a host of friends for himself and for the Church of God. Everybody seemed to fall in love with him and were sorry to see him leave but as he is overseer of the state he could not stay longer. He had other appointments. He came here with a smile and left with a smile. We need a church full of men like Brother Raney. We hope to have him back with us before long. I don't say we have the best overseer in the church but we have one among the best. We love him and believe he loves us. Pray for the church here that we may stay humble.—Yours for the cause we all love, J. R. Mullinax.

Our Work For The Lord Is Not In Vain

QUINCY, Fla.—I want to praise the Lord for His wonderful love for us, and for healing our bodies and saving our souls. He is surely good to us. He healed me a few nights ago when I thought I was going to die. I surely do want to do something for Him, for all my pleasure comes from working for the Lord. When He saves us and fills us with the blessed Holy Ghost He wants us to go to work for Him because He has given us the things that are needed in the battle for the Lord. O how we need to get busy, because I do believe the time is short for us to work, and we should work while it is day because night is coming when no man can work. I want to do what I can. I know I do not do all I ought to, but I want prayer that the Lord will help me to be an overcomer and be ready on fire.

On Jan. 13, 1929 Sister Miller and the saints here started a meeting at Delray Beach, Fla. The Lord wonderfully blessed. The saints were baptized. We left Delray and came back home. Four were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Five were saved and sanctified. All followed the Lord in water baptism. The meeting hasn't closed because the altar is full of seekers. Pray for us and our pastor, Bro. J. Johnson, that God will have His way. We love him and do all we can to keep him happy. Pray for my brother and sister. They are saved but pray for them to go on.—Your sister in Christ Jesus, Florena Cox.

RECONCILIATION

This is a great word, a word with a deep meaning. Webster says, A state of being reconciled; renewal of friendship, or fellowship; atonement, or atonement. To have to be reconciled means there has been a separation, an obstruction to friendship. There must have been a cause for this and we can just glance or take a momentary view of Adam's sin, which caused his separation from God, and look from there to Calvary's cross and see our Christ, the reconciler between God and man. Satan caused the disturbance in the garden of Eden and he is the satanical cause of all envying and strife which brings confusion and every evil work.

James 3:17 tells us of wisdom that is from above. First, it is pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. In studying this great thought, we find to-day a need of taking advice from those who know, advice for our onward and upward journey while in this life. James tells us to get wisdom, also what it is and the kind we should have—that from above. David said to apply our hearts to wisdom. He says, it is better to get wisdom than gold. Jeremiah says, God established the world by wisdom. James also tells us if we lack wisdom where to get it. Oh! my heart is stirred within me. Some may feel that I am getting off of my subject. Listen, dear readers, we can only find the meaning of this great word, reconciliation, by following the path already made smooth by the Christ who went all the way to Calvary's brow to bring reconciliation to this lost and dying world. We were reconciled to God thru the death of His Son. What can be done to bring reconciliation between man and man? There is always a cause for broken fellowship. First, find the cause, then true repentance, be born of God, sanctified and restored to favor with God, and true heart-felt reconciliation will follow. Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, knew no sin, yet, because He loved us poor dying sinners, He just stood before the Father and said, I'll pay the debt. I'll cancel the sin, and He suffered and died that reconciliation might be made between God and man.

Friends, after we do the thing God requires of us, reconciliation is sure to follow. Do not fall God, beloved. Let us not play church any longer but follow the path laid down for our feet. Forgive and we shall be forgiven. The Church of God has and is still suffering from many causes too numerous to mention now. Many poor sinners are longing to find shelter, love and brotherly and sisterly care; they are out in this cold world; they are looking with longing eyes to the Church of God. Will they find it in you? Will they find it in me? We must live the Church of God if men and women ever see Her. She is the only one of Her mother.

Reconciliation is a great word. Has there been a renewing of fellowship? Does love reign? Has there been reconciliation? Well, praise the Lord for His life and example. Let us continue to walk therein. If there has been a crucifixion somebody died. It cost the Son of God His life's blood to bring reconciliation to this world after man disobeyed God, and you and I must pay the price if we disobey. Let us walk actively as children of light. Having been reconciled to God, we reformed to know our transgressions were forgiven and He remembered them against us no more forever. Are we reconciled to our brother, our sister? Do we still remember? God help us to understand that great word, reconciliation, that cost Jesus His life's blood. True repentance leads to reconciliation.—One who loves the Church of God, Clara Mullikin.

When He calls for me. We should pray for the young people of this day, they seem to be going right on, thoughtless of where they are going to spend eternity, loving pleasure more than God. But we know that is one of the signs of the last days, and I feel like the last days are here. We saints should go to work as never before, for we do not know how soon we will have to lay our armor down and be called to the great Judge. O how I want to hear the words, Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of thy Lord. Let us try more than we ever have before to do more for Him. I desire your prayers for myself and family, that we may be an unbroken family in heaven.—Mrs. Jessie Lambert.

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Once Persecuted The Church of God

VALLEY CREEK, Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for the first time. As I have been reading the Evangel for some time. I love to read the sweet testimonies that cheer my soul. I have not been in this way very long. When I was eleven years old I joined the Baptist church and stayed in it until I was twenty years old. I began preaching when I was seventeen years old and held revival meetings and souls got saved, but I was an enemy to the Church of God, like Paul was, and I was honest about it. I had said if I should ever hear anyone talking in tongues I would call them down, where I was preaching. But later I let the devil creep into my life because I did not have the keeping power, being an enemy to the Church of God, and honest, like Paul was. Paul started to Damascus to bind the saints, but God brought him down and struck him blind, and after real old time conviction got hold of him and showed him he was wrong, he began to say, "Who art thou Lord?" He said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." After I let the devil creep into my life I went into the woods to pray and promised God if He would clean me up and make a man out of me I would live for Him if it took my life. I promised Him I would preach the Bible and a full salvation if it took my head off; I would go anywhere He wanted me to go. So I got willing to make crooked paths straight and high places low and rough places smooth, and wrongs right, and it was not long till I came out with victory in my soul. After Paul got saved, the Lord told him to go to Damascus, on a street called Strait, and a man would tell him what to do. I was willing to preach the whole Bible. I was in LaFollette, I was out for God and lost souls and heard of a revival in the Church of God. I started on down the street and something stopped me, and I made up my mind to go back to church that night to hear the preacher preach. I had met Brother Jones before at a funeral, and I learned where he lived and went to his home and we had a good supper and went to church that night. They would have me to preach that night. The power fell and the saints began to shout and talk in tongues. I had said I would call them down, but God put a hush on me, and I began to back off like a crawfish and one of the preachers asked me if I had the blessing. I told him yes. He said, why don't you preach it. I did preach a clean life so that night there was a call for the saints to come and pray for a lady and I wondered whether to go or not. And as we went, on the way the devil tried to make me ashamed to go pray for anyone sick, for I was not used to praying for sick people. Then after we got back, they began to talk about sanctification and the Holy Ghost and I took it very well for a while, but I went as long as I could without going to the altar to get the blessing, so I left the meeting, but God brought me back for one night's service. I left and was in a revival with a Methodist preacher and came back to LaFollette in service on Saturday and Sunday night. In one of the services I mentioned something about sanctification and after we went back home some of the saints told that I could preach something I did not have. Before I went away I asked some of the saints to pray for me to get a closer walk with God. I felt better. I went to hold another revival. During this meeting I got sanctified. During the summer months and late in September I went to the Church of God and different times tried to leave the meeting but one night one of the sisters received the baptism and the Lord put a hunger in my soul. Something would tell me if I would ask the saints to pray, I might get the blessing. I got up and told the folks that I had been preaching and got good blessings in my soul, but I had a longing in my soul for more of God's love. I told them I wanted to go to the altar and ask them to pray for me that I may receive the blessing. I got on my knees and tried to pray but couldn't. The saints prayed, and I got willing to preach sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They laid their hands on me and the power of God knocked me backward in the floor, and I came out of there with a deep settled peace in my soul and was talking in tongues.

I had been afflicted for sometime and promised the Lord if He would touch my body that I would testify thru the Evangel. I am glad that I ever saw the light and walked in it. He sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. I am on the firing line for Jesus and have the zeal in my soul and am longing to go on and fight the battle for Jesus until He comes or calls. Pray for me.—Bro. James Bostic.

How It Rained!

MANATEE, Fla.—The Lord has given us the greatest, grandest, and most wonderful revival the Manatee Church of God has ever had. He sent Brother and Sister Hubbell to assist the pastor. The revival started the night of June 18, and about one or two nights afterwards the altar was full of seekers. Sometimes over thirty were in the altar. The power of the Holy Ghost was with Brother Hubbell in the preaching for he shunned not to declare the full Word of God. My, how it rained. Shower after shower of the Lord's blessings were poured out upon the saints. There was leaping, shouting, dancing under the power, and talking in tongues in praise to our Lord and Master. Several nights the Holy Ghost took charge and messages were given out in tongues and interpretations given. Large crowds were in attendance. God wonderfully drew people to the altar thru power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. In these three nights Brother Hubbell did not have a chance to preach. Man can do nothing unless God works thru him. When we thought it would be pleasing to the Lord for the revival to close Jesus gave our pastor a vision and Brother Hubbell a sign to assure them that God was not thru calling sinners to repentance. The revival was carried on another week. Not a night passed without finding some soul saved, sanctified, or baptized with the Holy Ghost. Some went all the way thru in one service. Wonderful work has been done and good seed sown. Brother Hubbell surely held the truth up to the people uncompromisingly, and has won the friendship and love of the saints as well as that of many sinners at Manatee. Sunday night we observed the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord surely blessed graciously. The revival closed, with thirty-four saved, thirty-one sanctified, thirty-two baptized with Heaven's precious Holy Ghost, twenty-six followed our Lord in water baptism, and twelve were added to the great Church of God Hallelujah! Any church in need of an evangelist will do well to secure Bro and Sister Hubbell for a revival.—John C. Padgett, pastor, C. Lester, clerk.

God Is a Great God

MACON, Ga.—I have just been scanning the pages of the dear Evangel and note how God is working at different places. It makes my heart rejoice. Someone else may give a report of the meeting held at Gastonia. I was not asked to report it but feel it will be pleasing to God for me to have a little to say about it. Brother Gus Scott was sent there by the State Overseer and I don't believe a better man could have been chosen for the place. I believe God directed Brother Stephens in calling him there. I believe he is the man for the place. Gastonia church has been a large and useful church but wolves got in and scattered the flock till few remained, but thank God they are coming back home. Some had backslidden and had to be put out. Bro. Scott has had to suffer and pray but God stood by him, giving wisdom and grace. The church there loves him much and God is building up the work there.

I feel that Brother Stephens was directed by God when he asked Bro. S. C. Chambers to conduct a revival there. The results of which eternity alone can reveal. He began a revival the first of May and closed the 13th. Quite a number were saved, sanctified and healed. Twenty were filled with the Holy Ghost, several baptized in water and thirty-eight came into the church among whom were four preachers. Some of these had been driven from the church by wolves in sheep's clothing. It is terrible how the church there has suffered from false preachers but they will tell you that they find Brother Scott the right man for them.

There was one case of healing of which I wish to make mention. The people of that home knew nothing of divine healing, but as we were having prayer meeting in a neighbour's house the mother sent for us to come and pray for her son for she thought he was dying. We went and prayed for him. He raised his hands and shouted and out of the bed he came and with a shining face hugged all the men and his mother, and shook hands with the women. His face shined with the glory of God. Well praise God! Oh! God is a great God. Bless His name! Brother Chambers and band are now at Macon, Ga. and God is wonderfully working.—Your sister in Christ, Lorena Cotton.

Thank God For The Blood

"Thank God for the blood," He is still with us. Praise His name. We are looking to the Lord for great things this coming month in Kingston. It takes a little time to build up a good work, but after it is built up we will have a good one. The church in Jones has many friends looking this way. I like the Church of God in Kingston. Praise His name. We will get a pastor this month for our church.—A. Simes, 13 Benbow St., Cross P. O., Kingston, Jamaica.

Immediately Healed

I fell down a flight of stairs, striking my head against a stone wall, and received a deep gash on top of my head. Being taken to a hospital, an x-ray showed the third and fourth vertebrae broken (the doctors said) with an half inch crush. I lay for two mos. on my back in one position, with sand bags at each side of my head, the bags weighing sixteen and a half pounds. Then after that I was propped up in bed for some time. I was helpless and had no control of my head. The doctor said I would have to wear a brace. After this I prayed to God to give me strength that I might walk and have control of holding my head. Immediately I felt strength going thru my body, then I heard a voice saying, "I have given thee strength, thou shalt get up and walk." I raised myself up and God enabled me to get on my feet without assistance. Then I walked to the bathroom, washed my teeth, afterwards drinking a glass of water. I then walked back to my bedroom again and sat in a rocking chair and began to rock myself. Praise God, I have been walking ever since and didn't have to wear a brace—Jesus was my brace. Everyone in the house was amazed at the miraculous work of God. After I was up and around for sometime my feet and legs began to swell and I began suffering with my neck, back and kidneys. The doctor was unable to help me, saying it was due to the broken vertebrae. I suffered four months, unable to sleep for pain. Finally I received an anointed handkerchief which had been prayed over for my healing. I applied it to my afflicted body, and I was healed. I am now doing my house work and my pains have all disappeared. I give God all the praise. I am very glad indeed to know that I am a real living witness to the believers, of the power of God to heal, and I trust that thru God's magnificent power manifested in my own life and body that others may be brought into the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. For the honor and glory of God who loved me and gave Himself for me, I give this my testimony.—Mrs. M. Rider, 1912 Park St.

Truly Wonderful

EMPIRE, Ala.—We have just closed a revival at Dixiana, Ala., better known as Bradford. The Lord surely did bless in the meeting. Brother W. W. Harmon and the writer did the preaching. The crowds were so large that we couldn't seat but about half of them. It is surely wonderful what the Lord can do. Nine were filled with the Holy Ghost, three sanctified, two saved, seven baptized in water, and 7 came into the church. The Pratt City folks were surely a lot of help to us in the services.

My how the Lord did bless. The people were stirred up over the way the Lord would bless in the service. One man came to the altar and I went to talk to him. He said he had never thought of anything like he saw and heard there until Brother Harmon and I started the revival. He said that he was a deacon in the Baptist church and had been for 7 years and if he would die he would lose his soul. All who read this report pray that God will continue to bless there and save souls. We are in a revival at Empire now and the Lord is blessing. Be sure to pray for the revival.—W. T. Nelson, Pastor.

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